

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

SB 1221 - HB 1258

March 2, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Education (DOE) to submit a comprehensive report regarding textbook selection to the Education Committees of the General Assembly. Requires the report to contain, including but not limited to, the process by which all states select textbooks; correlations to student achievement and textbook selection processes; restrictions on local boards of education in all states concerning the use of state funding for the purchase of textbooks; means and measures of academic performance accountability if local boards of education or teachers are authorized to select their own textbooks; the effect of publisher pricing on textbook selection; the impact of technology on textbook selection; methods for increasing transparency and accountability in the textbook evaluation process; and policies and practices that may have an effect on smaller high-quality publishers from competing in the selection process. Requires DOE to conduct public meetings while compiling report data; allow reports and testimony to be submitted; develop at least two categories of publishers based on the number of books sold annually and two categories of publishers based on the number of books published in reading, mathematics, and science; and make all submitted reports and testimony available to the public. Authorizes the DOE, within budget constraints, to employ outside assistance and experts for research and evaluation purposes. Adds "on-line textbooks" or "e-books" to the definition of textbook.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$100,000/One-Time

Assumptions:

- Based on information provided by DOE, their Office of Research and Policy will require one full-time staff position for a one-year period to research, coordinate, write, and publish the report.
- Based on information provided by DOE, the cost for this temporary position is estimated to be \$92,300. Therefore, a one-time increase in state expenditures of \$92,300.
- DOE estimates the report will require three public meetings, one in each Grand Division of the state, at a cost of approximately \$2,238 per meeting, with mileage (\$1,350) and lodging and per diem for two meetings (\$888). The additional one-time increase in state expenditures is estimated to be \$6,714 (\$2,238 x 3 meetings).

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- An additional one-time increase in state expenditures of \$1,000 for printing and distribution of the report.
- The total one-time increase in state expenditure is estimated to be \$100,014 (\$92,300 + \$6,714 + \$1,000).

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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